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Summary of Oswald Case Prepared for

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Discovery of OSWALD in Mexico City Briefing Purposes Given 10 Dec 63  
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On 1 October 1963, [the CIA Mexico City Station intercepted] a telephone call Lee OSWALD made from an unknown location in Mexico City to the Soviet Embassy there, using his own name. Speaking broken Russian and using his true name, OSWALD was talking to the Embassy guard, OBYEDKOV, who often answers the phone. OSWALD said he had visited the Embassy the previous Saturday (28 September 1963) and spoken to a consul whose name he had forgotten, and who had promised to send a telegram for him to Washington. He wanted to know if there were "anything new." The guard said if the consul was dark it was (Valeriy Vladimirovich) KOSTIKOV. The guard checked with someone else and said that the message had gone out but no answer had been received. He then hung up.

[This piece of information was produced from] [

] [It is highly

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] By 9 October, the OSWALD telephone conversation of 1 October had been [transcribed and a summary of it] cabled to Washington.

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The cabled report was received in Washington on 9 October and checked in our files, where it was immediately noted that the Lee OSWALD phoning the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City was probably the Lee OSWALD who had defected to the Soviet Union in 1959 and returned to the USA in 1962. On 10 October 1963, the day after the report from Mexico City, CIA Headquarters sent out a cabled report about Lee OSWALD's phone call to the Soviet Embassy; the report went to the FBI, the Department of State (because OSWALD was a U.S. citizen), and to the Navy Department (because he was a former Marine). The cabled report to these agencies highlighted the likelihood that the Lee OSWALD mentioned was probably the former defector. A copy of this same cable was delivered by hand to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, with which we have no cable link. The same day a long cable went out to Mexico City informing our Station of the background of defector Lee OSWALD and asking for more information. Our Station was instructed to pass its information on the phone call to the Mexico City offices of the FBI, the Embassy, the Naval Attache, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This was done.

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